JEWELRY AT THE MINT.

Shortly after the holiday season the

mint is overburdened with deposits of

gold jewelry for melting, brought by persons unable to keep the valuable

trinkets or jewelers disposing of pat-

From 1873 down to last year the amount of money paid out by the Gov-ernment for old gold and plate annu-ally has increased steadily. The high-

water mark was reached in 1891, when

the Government paid out for plate and

jewelry \$4,035,710. In 1873 the amount

was \$774,218, and it reached the mil-

delphia mint melts nine-tenths of the

plate and jewelry presented to the Gov-

ernment. Payment is generally made

in gold when the jewelry is of that

Ziegler Jones, of the weighing department of the mint, said yesterday

that the principal metal received was

gold, as the mint did not recoin silver, but simply refined it 999 fine. "There

are," he said, "many people who de-

posit jewelry at the mint which is very

valuable, but out of style. Many of them are stirred up in the matter by reading of robberies and realize that the keeping of old jewelry is a tempta-

tion for servants and sneak thieves. Only this morning a poor Russian left a heavy gold medal to be melted. It

was given him for bravery in his na-

tive army. The net amount turned over

"By far the greatest amount of metal is sent to the mint from jewelers,

dentists, and assayers. As a rule, we

do not accept a deposit which will net in the assay under \$100. The hard times

have a very great influence on the amount of jewelry received from pri-vate individuals."—Philadelphia Times.

BUILT THE OREGON. The Man Who Did It Pamed Chiefly for Hie Integrity.

Irving M. Scott, the man who built the battle ship Oregon, is the head of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco.

He is a native of Hebron Mills, Baitle more County, Md., and is 61 years old.

His father was a Pennsylvania Quaker

clergyman and his mother was a devout Quakeress-two facts which account for the soundness of the Oregon's

bollers and her trustworthiness as a ship. Young Scott was educated at a public school in Baltimore and at Mil-

ton Academy. In 1854 he began the

study of mechanical engineering, and in 1858 he went to San Francisco to be a draftsman for the Union Iron Works. then the property of Col. Peter Dono-hue. In 1802 Mr. Scott went into the

manufacture of mining machinery and

IRVING M. SCOTT.

designed many machines that are still used in heavy and deep mining. Soon, however, he returned to the Union Iron

Works and has been the guiding spirit of that great plant ever since. Mr. Scott not only made a success of heavy

machinery building, but he interested himself in the social and political life of San Francisco, and has occupied many important public positions in the

metropolis of the coast. He has been a candidate for the State Senate, a member of the taxpayers' convention and a regent of the University of California. His wonderful success as a builder of battle ships has caused him to be called to St. Petersburg by the Government of

the building of big war ships for the

Fined the Judge.

Blake is himself a character; but his

father is still better. The old man is

now a preacher, but he used to be a lawyer, and nothing pleases him more than to tell of the old code that ob-tained when he was "at the bar."

For one thing Elder Blake apologized

for the unseemly tale be was going to tell, and then told it.
"I was on the grand jury that year,

and there was little or nothing to do,

Texas was as quiet as a sheepfold. So

we watched for infractions of both law

and custom. It is a well-known rule of

law that a man letting down a pair of

bars must let down the top bar first.

Well, the judge came across my lot that

morning, and let down the bottom bar

"So we indicted him. Being the ac-

cused, of course he couldn't sit on his

own case, so the boys elected me judge

to fill the vacancy, and we let him have

counsel. He wouldn't plead guilty, so

we found him guilty, and twelve of the

grand jury, sitting as a petit jury, fined

"In Texas half of the fines go to the

county; and as we were the representa-

tives of the county in that transaction

we collected the fine, and turned it into

first before he led his saddle horse

Bob Rose, court stenographer, was down in Texas last summer, and formed the acquaintance of State Chairman Blake, of the Democratic committee.

Russian navy.

to the astonished foreigner was \$60.

terns out of date.



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CAUSE OF FAILURE

Good Clerks Are Not Always Good Managers.

Some men make excellent clerks. They are honest, reliable and industrious, but are lacking in executive ability and the qualities necessary for the management of details. They are all right if they have some one to plan the campaign. They can then carry it out, but they are entirely at sea when compelled to depend upon their own resources.

Laziness causes many a man to miss that success which he might obtain were he alert. Many men start well and make some progress, but as they see things going along smoothly they think they can now "take it easy," and so leave the management of their stores to irresponsible clerks while they go on a hunting or a fishing trip, or spend many hours loafing around hotels when they should be behind their own counters.

A man cannot make a business success in this way, and he will be surprised to see how his trade is drifting away from him.

A man to succeed in these days of keenest competition must work hard. He must have a constant oversight upon the minutest details of the business, and though he may not perform every task himself, he should know that it has been done properly by his subordinates,

Extravagance ruins many a man who otherwise might have achieved fortune. Young men on a salary are good. contented and save a portion of it. But when these same men start in business they are not content with crop out sooner or later.

their former pay. They fail to realize that in its initial stages every dollar left in the business is worth more than two dollars when a business is fully established.—Hardware.

Materials of Birds' Nests. The instinct of birds does not com pel them in building their nests to use only familiar materials. The Literary Digest translates from a French period

ical the following examples of a bird's facility of adaptation: A bird's nest was found in the suburbs of Lille that was composed of white wool and of strips of paper from a telegraph office where the Morse

system is used, situated several miles The bird must have made a consid erable number of trips, for the quantity him a gallon of whisky. of paper was large, and it had made a good choice of material, for every one knows that paper is a bad conductor of heat; it holds heat well, and one does not need to have traveled around the general fund-a glassful at a time." the world to have found out that on a Chicago Post. journey a good-sized journal of stout

Miss Macfall—I wouldn't marry a paper, like the English newspapers, holds heat as well as a blanket. man who was less than 30 years old. Near Besancon another nest was found, made wholly of watch-springs, Miss Kittish-Ah, selfish to the last, I evidently taken from the factories in Miss Macfall-What is there selfish the neighborhood. Here the selection was less happy, for metals are good about that? conductors of heat. Finally, near a spot where a large St. Bernard dog is

Miss Kittish-Why, you wouldn't want, when you died of old age, to kept was found a nest built of hair leave your husband in his prime and detached from the dog's coat. In this have a chance to get some young girl case the inspiration was evidently

Taking time by the forelock causes Inherited characteristics are sure to lots of worry about things that never

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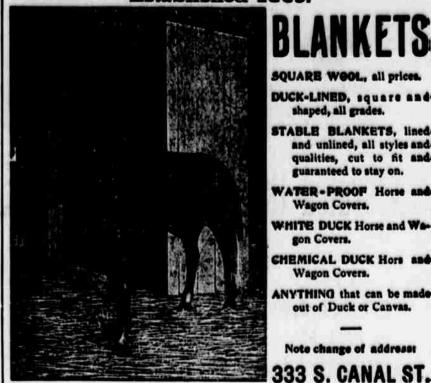
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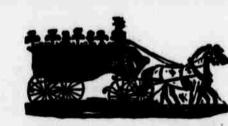
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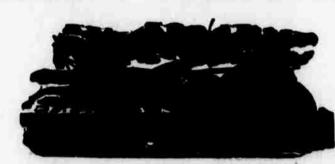


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